GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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PROCUREMENT OF STEALTH FRIGATE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Navy personnel are camping in Russia for the last few months to take delivery of the Stealth-frigate from the Russian shipyard;

(b) whether the delay in delivery of the frigate is due to unsatisfactory performance of its surface-to-air missile system which is still under upgradation by Russians;

(c) whether the Indian Navy had earlier recalled its team from Russia after waiting for the delivery of `Talwar` class frigate due to delay in delivery; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): The Government has approved import of three Frigates from Russia to strengthen the existing fleet of Indian Navy.The delivery of the first such Frigate has been delayed on account of unsatisfactory performance of one of the weapon systems. Naval personnel have been deployed to Russia for training and for taking part in acceptance trial. Crew of the first Frigate is being recalled due to unsatisfactory performance of the Weapon System.

Crew of second Frigate has been recalled after completion of training due to delay in completion of trials.